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**PATENT**

**Applicant:** Whayne et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/507,613

**Filing Date:** 02/21/00

**Title:** Catheter Distal Assembly

With Pull Wires

**Group Art Unit:** 3763

**Examiner:** Rodriguez

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks, and that the references be made of record as cited references in the application.

Applicant hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in Section

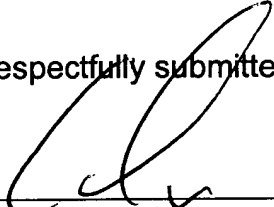
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A check in the amount of \$180 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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<sup>1</sup> Applicant respectfully submits that, even if the applications upon which the cited US Patents are based were known to applicant, the US Patents themselves could not have been known to applicant prior to their issue dates. Should the Examiner disagree with this analysis, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative to discuss this matter further.